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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claim 32 has been amended. Claims 12, 13, 17-21 and 32 are pending in the application with claims 12 and 32 being in independent form. The claims as presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

In the Office Action, claims 12, 13 and 17-21 have been allowed, and claim 32 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by West (U.S. Patent No. 6,912,626).

A telephonic interview was held between the Examiner and the undersigned Applicant's Attorney on August 29, 2006. During the interview, the rejection of claim 32 was discussed. Applicant's Attorney discussed the differences between claim 32 and West, as described in the previous response by the Applicant. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that claim 32, as amended herein, would be in allowable condition. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment to claim 32 be entered and the rejection of claim 32 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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